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### Banish the Pessimism:

We do not say banish the pessimists, for some of them, official and unofficial, here and abroad, are loyal mon cause. The trouble with them rather than from any lack of patriotic devotion. Their vision is keener for the black cloud than for the rainbow. We do not even advise the interninterned; It ought to be interned in their own midsts.

Along the lines of contact with the actual reverse. The immediate ad- is as follows: vantage, determined in more than one Instance by political or economical conditions geographically remote from the field of battle, has rested at times with the Central Powers and again at other times with the Allied armies. The seesaw movement is likely to continue at least until some great event brings a decision. Even the initial sweep of the victorious German armies across Belgium and almost to the fortifications of Paris was turned at the Marne and its mighty ebb began. At Verdun, at Tpres, in Gallein, in East Prussia, on the Alpine boundaries, in Mesopotamin, armies on both sides that have forced themselves forward have been forced back, lines have bent badly without producing consequences difastrous to the general cause temporarily thus menaced. The release of Germen troops from the eastern front the front which the British and French are so gallantly holding. There may again be

All this of course is patent to anybody who knows what war is and who is not afficted with the habit of gloom the cause he has at heart. THE SUN'S remarks, however, are

HINDENBURG.

observers already prepared to take the minus along with the plus, but to those commentators, official or unoffi- place in statistics? Only a fish can cial, here and in England, whose po- say, and somebody might censor its sition is such as to give exaggerated importance to their prognostications of evil and thus to affect unfavorably the morale of the general public. If they cannot suppress their pessimism let them at least try to confine it to their

Bun strongly urges some of the offi- a shrewd, informed rural physician, of the undoubted difficulty he should clai prophets and bulletin writers, in- may not have been innocent of the have to get labor in place of these cluding our own esteemed Secretary art of advertising. of War, to cut down their consump. Less than a quarter of a century humane person, at the thought of per one of their craft he was accounting tion of indigo.

boosts. He dispenses no gloom. He by mechanical means. Whatever the lie spreader and the bomb placer? says simply of the methods adopted starting point, he built up a following

to make our national sea power all and acquired a fame he had every that it should be:

"These measures are producing re Admiral Taylor has written a con-

cise, adequate and satisfactory report. It should be posted as a model before the eyes of every official whose duties include the presentation of an annual review of his work. It might reform some of the wordy, tiresome fellows, and save a good deal of the white paper that is wasted so prodigally in long winded and ineffective outgivings on which nobody except their authors and unfortunate prooftheir at readers glance, renders ever wastes more than a

## The "Rescued" Fishes.

The phrase "rescue work" is so lege was represented as a diploma commonly associated with the deliv- mill, the education of the esteopaths ery of souls from sin and bodies from was sneered at; ignorant, triffers rum that when it turns up in bold with health, gross swindlers, no name type on a Government pamphlet it is could be found too harsh for them. not to be denied a second look. The Sophisticated members of the compamphlet is addressed by the Secre- munity had forgotten the "natural tary of the Department of Commerce to the Congress, and the second look tioner of old and recognized schools reveals the context of the fascinating familiar in the country, smelling find it exceedingly difficult not to. ohruse:

"Communication from the Commissioner of Fisheries Relating to the Remarkable Results of the Rescue Work for Fishes in the Overflowed Lands of the Mississippi River Basin."

Is there a JERRY McAULEY of fishes, and do his converts hold experience meetings years after the revival at which the repentant fishes decide to stop drinking ? The imagination con-Jures up a picture of a pickled pickerel and a soused sunfish staggering tin in fin down the aisle of the mission house to sign the pledge. Alas, no: like so many beautiful pictures, and useful contributors to the com- it isn't so. Page 2 cruelly undeceives. for there is the report of Fisheries arises from a temperamental quality Commissioner Smith to Secretary

"Complying with your request, under process of the flux and reflux of mili- tions as now conducted between Homer, the most conservative prescribers of are astenished to learn from our contary force, of advance and retreat, of Minn., and Friar Point, Miss. The ex- drugs. gain of contested territory and of tent of this work, in summarized form,

ij	Catfish	4,228,80
	Carp	
	Buffalo fish	206,90
Į	River herring	177,00
	and the second s	
	Fresh water drum	
Š	Crappie	1.557.01
2		De (1414)
	Black bass	
	Sunfish	
	Pike perch	13.78
	White bass	
	Yellow perch	
F)	Total	9.885.00
	A COUNTY OF STREET, ST	

"The bureau's operations cover about to per cent, of the available fields."

The prankish old Mississipp' bore all these fishes in her soft dark arms or get the benefit of a Pork Bill.

meen that Harg and Byng and Pf. that it cost only \$15,000 to "rescue" gary, dismiss them from the comthat the road to Paris is open to Von printion he could "rescue" three or four times as many fishes. At one point, Lake City, Minn., 716,770 catfish were gathered together. At Bellevue. Iowa, the harvest was exactly

731,700 sunfish. An ethical dispute may arise as to whether these fish were really resnot now addressed to the philosophical cued. What's rescue if you go to the pan? Is not life in an obscure pool better than a trip to market and a

#### He Rubbed Himself and Therefrom Sprang a School of Healing.

own inner consciousness. Whether ABRAHAM LINCOLN helped him in the guishable in every respect from Gerthey speak in Parliament or in Con- establishment of the school of heal- mans. Though enemy allens they gress or from the War Office in Lon- ing which he founded, and which were not of the sort to foment trouble don or from the War Department in under the name of esteopathy has in the United States, and under the Washington, or through the newspa- gained practitioners and adherents in present circumstances craved only to pers, let them be careful about allow- remarkable numbers, it would be im- be left alone. ing the seesaw of alternate exaltation possible to say. He had the advan- Moreover, these men had given and depression to outrun even the ex- tage of being a man worth looking treme limits of the seesaw of mili- at; he would not wear a collar; and by generous subscriptions to the Libtary actualities. And this, we are he tucked his trousers in his boots, erty loans. Out of their weekly wages sorry to say, is what some of them These were not the characteristics they were even now lending \$1 and der! Abraham Lincoln was born in are not now doing.

Of Lincoln: probably they were not \$2 anisce to the United States Gov. that county. Rossiter Johnson. The way to help along victory is to affectations of STILL; they were ernment. What better evidence of believe in it; not to detect in every mannerisms, possibly adopted uncon-their loyalty than that? Their wages little cloud hardly larger than a man's sciously and persisted in through the were not large and it costs a good hand the beginning of a black dawn natural stubbornness of a man of deal to live. overspreading the firmament. The marked characteristics. And STILL,

the cure of disease that this friend them had families of the size that Single handed, force battle waging ago the manipulative treatment for their wives and children. Most of of Joun Brown, former anti-slavery has not become old fashioned in some Straight through the lip the bothe had To Rear Admiral Davin W. Taylon, lawmaker and ex-Military Surgeon parts of the world. chief of the Bureau of Construction, with the rank of Major, championed. who is superintending the expansion was practically unknown to most of and useful workers he had in his emof the United States Navy, a task of his countrymen. He had advocated ploy and then of the same workers the greatest magnitude and supreme it and treated patients according to out of employment, with no money, importance. The Sun offers its its principles, and suffered in repu- their families hungry, themselves thanks and congratulations on the tation and in purse for several years made desperate. Would not these form and the content of his annual in consequence of his devotion to it, men under such circumstances be-Somewhere it is recorded that it was come tools in the hands of German In one small page of printed mat- revealed to his inquiring mind as he ter Admiral Tayton records what he key bruised and helpless after a fall helplessness and despair and sense feels it judicious for the public to from a horse; another account ples of an injustice done them and need know at this time of the work that tures the mature man recalling re- of money persuade and compel them

right to take pride in.

Populism was at its height when osteopathy came East. A great many conservative folks regarded the new treatment for bodily ills as a scientific freak as wild and woolly as the philosophy of the People's party. The way of the osteopath was not easy. Every convention was against the system he proposed. The conservatism of long intrenched custom op posed it. Whether osteopaths should be permitted to practise, to issue death certificates, to hold their heads up as reputable members of the com- Justice, even a little generosity, will munity became serious questions. In- have its effect among the peoples from evitably they got into politics; the osteopaths knocked for admission. and the fellows inside knocked the osteopaths. The Kirksville, Mo., colbone setters." The general practishockingly of the stable, quite inno cent of modern instruments and proc esses, had fallen from his high estate. Osteopathy caught medicine and surgery in a day of high specialization

and had to fight for its life. And a good fight esteepathy made Something of the old abolitionist de termination and fearlessness seemed to have been instilled into it by its and bloodless surgery, indorsed by science in its most exclusive citadels. of golf, while it tightens beits, loosens may have left a weak spot in the ar- purse strings. mor of the orthodox; it began to be hinted that the osteopathic manipulator reduced a dislocation and overosteopath was a Harvard graduate, rones that one showed the certificate of his medical degree, another had studled anatomy. Various men not idendate of November 1, for data regarding | tifled with Populism submitted to the ment of the war pessimists; but their the fish rescued from the overflowed trentment; in this State Senator Barnar, seeks enlistment in the United pessimism manifestly ought to be lands of the Mississippi River Basin to Pratt became a patient; and the rub- States Army, he betrays an impudence he furnished for Mr. HERBERT HOOVER, bers away of disease slowly won the the enclosed detailed figures have been place they now have, which entitles taken from the official reports for the them in some instances to a reserved enemy this war has been a ceaseless fiscal year 1917 and cover rescue opera- nod of social recognition from even for forgery in the second degree.

Dr. Still lived to be 89. He say nineteen years more than the alof clamor about the ears of a rash innovator seeking to introduce another system in their field of activity

## Technically "Enemy Allens."

An employer of labor visited the office of this newspaper the other across the high waters and then, per- day to speak of a problem confront- know what kind of weapons the army haps when the fishes were dozing, ing him and many other heads of should have to fight with, went away and left them to Fate and companies. He has a large number HOOVER; left them, if not flat, in of workmen who are technically Auswere in the main good Americans or Commissioner Smith says that on the way to become good Amerithese "rescued" fishes were worth cans. Should be, because this couna new alignment, as has so many these "rescued has were worth try is now at war with Austria-Hun-times occurred; but this will not shout \$500,000 on the market and try is now at war with Austria-Hun-times occurred; but this will not

replace them. These men were good thing should be done to stamp out the workers, hard workers, willing work. many offensive German words which iners, performing disagreeable 'asks, some of them, and showing great endurance and fidelity in their jobs.

rians, Croats-the number of real German word meaning "delicate cat- a welcome is not forthcoming it will be the street? Austrians was small. Most of them ing -anything to describe the places, if because the visitor arrives late, leaves openly disclaimed any sympathy with Let me suggest: the present Austrian Government or with the cause of the Central Powers in the European war. Their atritude was frequently not merely one of sympathy with and loyalty to the United States but of bitter batred of Austria-Hungary, the result of Austrian oppression which they had How much the resemblance of the seen and felt. Even the Austrians suggest a way in which we can banish of war measures and methods or of the late ANDREW TAYLOR STILL, M. D., to among these workers were distin-

proof of their sympathy with America of Lincoln; probably they were not \$2 aplece to the United States Gov. that county.

Our visitor was not thinking wholly employees. He was distressed, as a

He was thinking of the peaceful agents here? Would not their own is in progress. He permins from lief obtained from headache as a boy to listen to the plotter, the spy, the But what would the Government's

THE SOLDIER'S DRAM. position be? our visitor asked. Would it require the discharge of these "en-Should the Law Prohibit All Intoxiemy aliens"? And we are giad to

cants to Army Men? read in the President's proclamation To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The the adoption by the Government of a Rev. George Drew Egbert of Flushing liberal policy toward these men based takes to task those who offer a soldier on the considerations set forth by our n uniform the social glass. Editorially visitor and consonant with the Presi-dent's own utterances regarding the a respectable householder on the charge of giving a glass of wine or a bottle of distinction to be drawn between govbeer in the privacy of the family circle o his son and a few companions on The Presidential proclamation of Christmas furlough would not win popu-Wednesday is not only wise domestic larity for the law or its agents.

I am not a prohibitionist in any sense but wise external policy. These matof the word, but from my viewpoint I ters do not go unobserved abroad. believe the reverend gentleman is in the right What does it matter how a soldier in

Let the Drought Be General.

ing who proposes to prosecute anybody

the recent rulings of the Supreme Court.

This is as it should be. The Pharisees

who have voted and labored to prevent

the poor man from getting his glass of

stimulant, while their own homes were

stocked with the best the land affords in

liquid refreshments, will now be "hois

that this interpretation of the law will

It will now be in order for clergym

when making their parish calls to in-

Lay on, Macduff

WELCOME TO CHURCH.

Chilly to the Stranger.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SU:

teresting letter of "Shabby Interloper."

It is a pity that the writer should have

been so unfortunate in his selection of

a church, as I know that all New York

churches are not such as the one de-

Such an attitude as our friend found

spondent may bear a grudge against

I believe the majority of churches are

my own church, for example some of

Occasionally some one will get over-

and hospitable than we of the North.

This young man came one Sunday morn-

hurch invited him to sit in the family

church, the chorus choir, the Sunday

to our city over Sunday I trust be will

FIXING RESPONSIBILITY.

As to the Rallways the Commerce

Commission Is Not Blameless.

Can it not be said without unfairness

tion system with which we are at pres

For years the great railroad experts

prosperity and growth of the country.

The alternative recommendation of the

ommission, opposed by the men expe-

over to the Government, is an open con-

s they could and should have done for

irrevocable step in the deplorable direc-

WASHINGTON, D. C. December 13.

Oklahoma Prosperity.

From the Springdale News.

orhood, all came in on a visit last week

wonder and envy of the Hill Williams who

tion of Government ownership.

ent confronted?

around to speak politely.

Nawaungh, December 12.

school and the young people's societyand to think that the opportunity to

make him welcome was almost lost!

now an enthustastic worker in

churches for some time to come

service and will come again."

HOLTOKE, Mass., December 13.

A SUN WORSHIPPER.

from acquiring more.

n their own petards."

be enforced to the limit.

therities for action.

enough.

A. G. H.

whom these workers came to us. uniform gets his liquor; over the bar, in the privacy of his home circle, in secret in some friend's room at the club The railway engineers of the United States Army who fought with the or in any other manner? British army of General Brng were. same intoxicating liquor no matter how in the words of Marshal Haid, he may obtain it. 'prompt," "soldierly" and "gallant," | We are passing through the which proves conclusively that they critical period of our existence and need were the sort of railway engineers, every available man, and it seems to me

with whom the United States is ther- that any one who puts temptation in the loughly familiar. way of our soldier boys is taking a great responsibility. We don't wish to quarret with Secre-tary Daniels.--Mrs. William K. Han-NEW YORK, December 13. LITON of the Navy Club.

Golfers and followers of matches played on links in the metropolitan district "chipped in" \$60,000 on Memorial Day for the Red Cross ambulance fund. As not only the metropolitan timely and to the point, but according to patriotic I am!" but other golf associations and clubs all over the country have continued since Memorial Day the custom of asking galleries to swell the fund. it been estimated that more than half a million dollars has been thus col-Major Doctor bell wether. LORENZ lected. A pretty crop garnered without a penny of cost to the fund, all going to prove that the delightful game

Neither does anybody else, but some

ernments and peoples,

Probably the Federal Government will leave to Mayor Hylan's police commissioner the task of suppressing came its after effects pretty well; this pocket picking outside of restricted

If, as the Evening Post asserts, C. DONALD Fox, who was one of the promoters and beneficiaries of that ill omened enterprise the Army and Navy exactly proportioned to the rascality which brought him to court to pleaguilty to a charge of petit larceny, and resulted in an indictment against him temporary that public officers of the county of New York have lent themto the furtherance of this scheme for the evasion of justice by loted span. He helped to abolish a man who merits punishment if ever slavery, and started as pretty a row knave deserved !t; and we believe that as one could wish to see. He may the honorable men who compose the have been satisfied in his later years army of the United States will not for have been satisfied in his later years a moment tolerate the intrusion of this scribed. I have visited some of them on the surveyed his career, but probe rogue among them. To add a touch as a stranger in the city and have never ably he was not. Men like him are of comedy to this proceeding. Fox is failed to receive a warm welcome and a ever seeking something new, some declared to seek enlistment in a non- good seat. thing better. The very fact that his combatant branch of the army. In thing better. The very fact that his other words, he seeks a safe job, an injures not so much the church itself as honorable uniform and immunity from churches generally. I fear your corremay have irked him, for he may have punishment for his acts; and if he foreseen the day when in the pride of wins these things through exposure of their profession they would raise a his baseness there will be no reason why every burgiar and blackmailer in far different from the one described. the town should not look forward to a future made comfortable by the inepti- our men make it a point to welcome tude, laziness and sentimentality of every stranger with a "Good morning." prosecutors, courts and military re- a handclasp and "I hope you enjoyed our

> By the time the war is over the Bureau of Ordnance will probably who came here from the South, where

cruiting officers.

Some of the Washington authorities who are sure none of the soldiers and reason no one greeted him. He deter-

#### DELICATESSEN NO MORE. A Pickle Shop by a Non-German Name Is Called For.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Someflict themselves upon us at every turn. Especially should some one devise a substitute for the "delicatessen" shops.

What can we call them in English? They were Czechs, Slavs, Hunga- What words can we substitute for this attend the First Baptist Church, and if possible, without using German words.

"Pickle shop "Beef pie shop." Cooked meat emporium."

"Hashery." "Sausage baznar." "Odds and ends store." "Dill picklery."

Cannot some of your clever readers for all time the fearful delicatessen? WILLIAM A. PAGE. NEW YORK, December 13.

## Abraham Lincoln's County.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Mr. in the future. A. Rowland informs your readers that Larue county, Kentucky, or injustice that the Interstate Com-has filled its quota of men for the National Army; that only 132 were exam- questionably responsible for the almost ined, no one claimed exemption and all complete breakdown of our transporta-

The appropriate comment is: No won-NEW YORK, December 13.

# They couldn't held him-Pat O'Brien. Pighting the Hune with the British Lion

Pat who couldn't stand neutral waiting But went from the States at an early dating; A regular daredevil in his fiving

What ever saved the lad from dying! Over the German trenches mounting. That's when the enemy builet got h Eight thousand feet he fell, to waken

In a prison camp where he'd been taken. But they couldn't hold him-Pat O'Brien. Of the home of the free a worthy scien, Sixty miles into Prussia speeding. Leaped from the train and bruised and

bleeding.
Footsore, famished, slinking to cover. Seventy-two days a fugitive rover Swimming the Meuse and dodging a sen

Into Holland at last made entry From British Lion and dear home Eagle, Back for a new machine to fly on, Heart of a hero-Pat O'Brien.

DEEDS OF PATRIOTISM. They Reveal the True Spirit of the

New York Public Schools. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: The subjoined data are taken from the official records of the Board of Education, now possession of District Superintendent William J. O'Shea in Public Be Manhattan. The facts therein submitted will go far to prove that the New York city public schools contain one of the most glorious groups of patriotic teachers and pupils to be found in the United

States. The schools of this State secured subscriptions to the last Liberty Loan of about \$38,000,000. Of this sum the New York city public schools secured subscriptions or subscribed for \$31,184,642. This fact outshines in significance all protestations of lovalty.

I know that in addition to this every school is engaged in other ways that show enthusiaetic patriotism. have subscribed thousands of dollars to the library fund of the Red Cross. They are industriously collecting paper, tinfoll, kid gloves, waste of all kinds, and selling it for soldiers' benefit. They have knitted and sent thousands of wristlets argue, on the contrary, that the real and sweaters to the Red Cross. They have made dolls, even in kindergarten classes, for French bables. Comfort kits by the thousands have been sent, some to the Red Cross, some to indi-TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The

vidual boys. Every school in this city is toiling editorial article in THE SUN relating to the statement of a clergyman in Flushafter the comfort of its own boys and girls in the field or in training camps. to a soldier, even one of the family, is and shouts, "Look at me! See how

If any person knows of treasonable the authorities in a dry State have the words, looks or conduct on the part of a teacher, whether in school or out of it right to seize liquors in the house of the -instead of slinging slander that solls consumer, as well as to prevent him the innocent, let that person report the facts to the United States secret per-

vice or to the police

EDWARD H. BOYER. NEW YORK, December 12.

#### THE ARMY CANTEEN. It Succeeded the Sutler's Store of Evil Memory.

enlisted in New York in 1855 and was vestigate the wine cellar and liquor sent to Jefferson Barracks-the cavalry cabinets and report any unlawful holdschool-I found what was called at that ings of that nature to the proper autime the sutler's store, a relic of evil memory dating back to the civil war. Checks were issued by the first ser And damned be him that first cries, Hold, geant, which were good at the sutler's and the amount deducted from the soldier's pay. At the store you could buy among other things beer and whiskey.
When I joined my troop at Port All the Houses of Worship Are Not ampaign, I found the sutler's store at read with some amusement, and at the same time considerable regret, the in-

flavoring.

Along about 1839 came the Governcanteen. Beer and light wines were sold at a profit of about 10 per rata among the companies for the purchase of luxuries-butter, condensed Swedish ore. It was supremely ntik, vegetables, dried fruits, &c. The before or since in the history of the United States Army; the soldiers were looked, as in the case of a young man getting much better food, almost as good canteens were a great success. This was the opinion of every soldier and army officer at that time.

Along came a bunch of women and ing to our church, and for some strange mollycoddle men in loud mouthed protest which the Russian situation has made inland pools where they could never tried subjects and technically, theresallors in camp or affoat is cold forget mined to try again, bowever, and the sallors in camp or affoat is cold forget mined to try again, bowever, and the sallors in camp or affoat is cold forget mined to try again, bowever, and the sallors in camp or affoat is cold forget mined to try again, bowever, and the sallors in camp or affoat is cold forget mined to try again, bowever, and the sallors in camp or affoat is cold forget mined to try again, bowever, and the sallors in the form which again feel the wash of the steamers fore, enemy allens. Actually they United States Army, Congress wiped out pew, obtained his name and introduced him to some of the congregation. He is the army canteen. PHILADELPHIA, December 8.

### A BRITON TO BRITONS. The Door to Glory Opens in the Heart of New York.

Oh, church people, notice the stran-To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: enurch to suffer by conditions such as the young men of British origin now in are described in the letter of "Shabby this city and vicinity I would say

Don't you know and realize that your and that "it probably will survive with mirable qualities of which the dog hat service, your young manhood, is needed? the French." It probably will, for it has known nothing. Will you let a scamp insult you on

Will you permit a vagabond to assail early or slips away through a side door. your home, your mother, your sister, And even then I think some one will be your little brother or your family? Why then allow such to violate your freedom, your country, your everything that God sanctions and blesses with His good will and approval?

answer that can at the British and Broadway in this city

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN -- SICE WHILE There you will find a bonny Scotch this is not the time for useless criticism lad in kilts-another young Harry Lauder-a cheery Englishman, a hearty men at fault in originating and administering them, responsibility for serious tried soldiers, to greet you and give you nistakes should be placed where it belongs and the mistakes themselves ven- good advice on how to "get there." It isn't a case of God Save the King. ilated that mistakes may be avoided God Save Ireland, God Save America,

but God Save the World, and it must take the boys to do it. So line up, enlist to-day. Do it now, and success and glory be yours in your

noble resolution. ONE Too OLD TO GO. NEW YORK, December 13.

#### have urged upon them that just this con-dition would arise unless such a policy LOADING THE SUBWAY. were adopted as would enable the roads But Rear Doors Might Be Used. to extend their lines and expand their

facilities to meet the growing demands TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: "Exof trade. The commission seems to have regarded keeping down the cost to ship-"Inexperienced." He overlooked the pers and travellers as its sole function, and to have been wholly incapable of fact that about every subway train, ex- foe-Prussia. cept locals, is unable to stop so as to let broad, statesmanlike views of the relation of adequate transportation to the Still there is a possible chance at the door of the last car, but not always. The trouble is not in the car doors but in the conditions in loading and unloadrienced in railroading, to turn the roads ing; and when the subway was built had fession that they have failed to provide

certain persons looked ahead twentyfive years or more instead of two or three years this trouble would have the manifest needs of the country, and been prevented. would be if adopted a dangerous if not

CONSULTING ENGINEER. NEW YORK, December 13.

Milk Delivery by Express Companies. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir; Give the languishing express companies another chance. Let them deliver milk Prosperity must have hit Oklahoma ard. Henry Doeley, Loy Witch and Wint under a city plan and get rid of many middlemen. Compel the patrons to live up to rules. Possibly the consumer should buy and own the container. Make the bringing their families with them. They all drove mules when they left Arkansas. producer put a stamp over the top of the container with his name on it. but returning each drave a Ford, to the

D. C. KENTON. FOREST CITY, Pa., December 13.

# GERMANY'S URGENT REASON FOR KEEPING ALSACE-LORRAINE

French Experts Assert That the Real Interest Is in Possession of the Iran and Phosphorus Ores of These Provinces.

rich mines of French Lorraine with its

This was the excuse for invasion

ways exactly proportionate to the ore

000,000 tons for Germany and 2,100 .

district of France is regarded as in-

dispensable by Germany. The military

policy is one that the General Staff

There is another reason of even

greater immediate significance. The

iron ores of French Lorraine and ton

embourg, which contain phosphore

are specially useful in the making of

gray pig iron and of steel for shell casings. The Germans, it is known.

have recently improved upon the Sie-

mens-Martin process and the process

of Thomas Gilchrist. German text

books all draw parallels and make dis-

tinctions between the ores of Lorraine

and those of Germany. The military

leaders doubtless had the difference in

their eye, for in taking from Fran-

in 1914 Aumetz, Thionville, Jour and

Audon they seized twenty-seven out

of the forty-five furnaces in Meurthe-

et-Moselle and doubtless believed they

had crippled France and would then

The next step was to occupy the

plement, as it were, of the iron mines

of Lorraine. Here the ores are mixed

containing lime and phosphorus. The

lime served as fuel or the source of

heat, while the phosphate, by-product

important are these provinces to Ger-

great steel associations of the Teutons

frankly declares that "if the produc-

of melting, was sold as fertilizer

many that a manifesto of

must inevitably adopt.

Germany's purpose in Alsace-Lor- and Thyssens turn their eyes to the raine, recently debated in the Temps, may seem clear enough to many people, yet there are several theories in a convenient excuse since it correpolitical circles to-day as to whether sponded so well to military and eco. she will stake everything to keep the nomic needs. It was, as the French provinces or give them up with as good a grace as possible. It is a curious fact that the Temps should 7,000,000 tons a year, but it is now maintain the thesis that Germany does 28,000,000, of which 21,000,000 come not need the iron ore of Lorraine and from the invaded territory of Lor-Luxembourg, with the great furnaces raine. These quantities are in of the contiguous department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, and the rich de- deposits of the two countries, or low basin of posits running down to the Longwy and Briey. French mining 000,000 tons in Lorraine and Lor experts and iron manufacturers en- embourg. This is the reason why this tirely disagree with this belief; they interest of Germany in this territory. now occupied by her armies, lies in the possession of the iron and phosphorus ores made by her chemists into steel for shells. A small book has just been pub-

lished in Paris exposing Germany's aims. Alsace-Lorraine and Luxemsourg have much to offer the Imperial General Staff: potash for fertilizers, iron for munitions and coal, lime and phosphorus to melt the ores. Commenting upon the value of these provinces and their mines, a steel expert adduces proofs that without the iron Germany would speedily come to grief. Therein is the key to the Kalser's conception of war, and the possession of ce-Lorraine is the final objective. With these provinces in her grasp Germany faces the Allies with an arrogant confidence, and the mines are a demonstration of her strength. Coal beat her. and coke she has in sufficient amounts The production of all grades of coal basin of Briey and Longwy, the comin 1913 was 279,000,000 tons, and re-TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: When cent discoveries of deposits have increased her reserves to \$6,000,000,000, figure that assures her industrial existence for a long time. German in iron ores, though considerable, are far from sufficient, and

assurance of future activity. In order to understand the situation it is necessary to compare the con- been doubled since August, 1914 the sumption of iron by the great foun- continuation of the war would be in Huachuca, or rather after I reached dries with the productive capacity there at the termination of the Geronimo of the German mines. During the had been interfered with the war last normal year, 42,000,000 to 43,000,is best, or worst. Beer was 50 cents a 000 tons of pig iron were produced. bottle and whiskey 15 cents a drink. But to meet the increasing demands The whiskey was compounded on the the empire had a reserve of 2,500,000,-spot of alcohol, with tobacco juice for 000 tons of ore, which became 2,500,coloring and a dash of red pepper for 000,000 when the mines of Luxembourg were incorporated in the Zoil-We were twenty-five miles from the verein. In other words, in strong connearest town, but there were "pig trast with the supply of coal, the iron situated at the edge of the supply would only meet the demands gray pig iron used in making munireservation four miles away, where the of the foundries for sixty years. Since soldiers went for boose and other things the war the importance of iron has the place of casings of cast iron and when they had money. The men would been vital, and it is now the most steel-is discharged from the guns at get stuck for reveille, get a garrison acute question that Germany faces, the rate of \$.000,000 pounds a day. court-martial or two, and then facing a With characteristic forethought the it we e not for this supply some est general court-martial for the third of- Germans have tried to increase their mate it as 60 per cent. of the tota deposits of ore, since it has been German output of shells-the found impossible even by skilled metallurgists to increase the output of fron the Germans can carry their munities cent, and the profits divided up pro imported a large amount of iron from Spain, and still imports the purer sary to increase the supply within the desertions feil to a lower point than ever empire. Recognition of this fact made the Ballins, the Krupps, the Rathenaus Guerre," &c., by Maurice Alfassi

the problem at present is to provide

the empire with enough iron to give

tion of pig iron and of steel had n possible, while if the Lorraine supply would virtually be lost." The Temps seems to question 1 sincerity of the manifesto of the German steel magnates. No one believes them, for their manifesto may be in-

tended to cover other designs, but facts show that the iron ores of Ler raine and Luxembourg are used in the making of shells. It is said that the tions-shell casings which have taken would not last much longer. How far making only time can show. But in the view of French experts the output of Lorraine iron is coextensive with the life of the German war machine

The figures of iron and steel given above are from the book "L'Après

## "LES AMINCHES."

at Least Seventeen Years. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

rack in which Lieutenant W. Franklyn object of their detestation: he is of that the Frenc in Paris, cried : This Lieutenant Paris obligingly trans- mostly false or exaggerated, and the word "aminche" is "a new word, namely, that the dog and his owner under the stress of a strong emotion." appreciate in the dog innumerable already survived with them to my own knowledge more than seventeen years, often also dog haters, might make a It may also have been coined on the good a case and as futile against sour of the moment, but the moment computation, more than twenty years hefore our soldiers appeared in the annoying. And yet the infatuated per Place de la Concorde. In a collection ents persist in maintaining them of Chansons et Monologues by Aristide towing them and would not consider Bruant called "Dans la Rue" the last stanza of the first song is as follows:

Et pie sui! et viv'nt les amin hes! Viv'nt les escarp' et viv'nt les grinches! Un jour faudra que j'passe aussi D'vant la foule encore accourus

Pour voir ma gueule en raccourei. Dans la rue. If Lieutenant Paris has access to a dictionary of French slang compiled by To THE EDITOR OF THE SUS-SUE LA Aristide Bruant about fifteen years ago so often we see in the papers a will find that his translation into "plain United States" is free-exceed- press companies deploring To be W. SHERMAN POTTS.

## POLAND STILL LIVES. And There Will Be No Peace of War-

saw After This War.

New York, December 12.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. one who was born in Poland. I wish to Motor Box Doors Are Impracticable, express my great appreciation of the editorial article "The Hope of a Loyal Russia-the Cossacks and the Poles' The Poles, although enemies of Rusperienced" should have signed himself six for the last century, have stood loyally with the Allies against our common

> Over twenty thousand Poles have enlisted in the American army; thousands he can get them short of robbing the eare fighting with the French, English and Russians, and many already have given their lives for democracy and in- Highrstown, N. J., December dependent Poland. AMERICAN OF POLISH DESCENT.

NEW YORK, December 13.

#### A Christmas Gift to Halifax. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! This

town has set an example which may well be followed by other cities. It will raise for many years in the old date funds to rebuild one of the houses destroyed in the Halifax disaster. workingman's house as our Christmas gift to Halifax" is the slegan. R. T. SCHENECTADY, December 13.

can hang negro soldiers for riot, but we able to discern, the disine affla only intern spics and traitors. Can you to have been blown away by beat it?

L. R. cussion of the big guine. NEW York, December 13.

THEY THAT HATE DOGS.

Not a New Word in French Slang, by They Cannot Understand the Feeling of the Owners.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SOL THE notice in your issue of December 4 a dog haters all repeat the same list clipping from the Wadsworth Gas At- faults and failings on the part of the have found a nickname for our soldiers, ling and ever dangerous, his gormandi and that it was supplied by a workman ing deprives starving multitudes of upon seeing the American troops needed food, and so on. But the der aris, cried: "V'la les Aminches!" lover dismisses this arraignment as lates into what he calls "plain United tinues to keep his dog. Why? For " States" as "Here come the Americans," sons which the dog hater is temper and makes the further explanation that mentally incapable of understanding coined on the spur of the moment and one another, and because the latter

> By the way, haby haters, while prevalence of infants. They are if practical utility; their maintenance very costly and they are sometimes very loving them, and would not consider ? a moment having them eliminated PARKER Ma.

PRINCETON, N. J. December 13.

WHY FARMERS GROW OLD The Exasperating Case of an Express Company's Demands.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. LAY from the executives of one of fairness in the attitude of the toward their companies. What about becoming an official of an experience company that totally blinds one to be During the last nine months

press companies amounting to what over \$100. With each cla went the full array of affidation required and the express received the shipments. After waiting long I turned the matter over resentative in New York, Now press company refuses even to matters for him unless he wan the express receipts for each lest. Will some one please adpress company's claim office?

The Ferryboat Huguenot

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-S. became of the ferryboat Huguenplied between Staten Island Battery? She was a sister shi Josephine and carried thousands 837 you bring her to the surface.

NEW Yorks, December 13. Another Call for an Armistice

To the Morron of The Sta

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN -Sir; We until after the war, NEW YORK, December 12.